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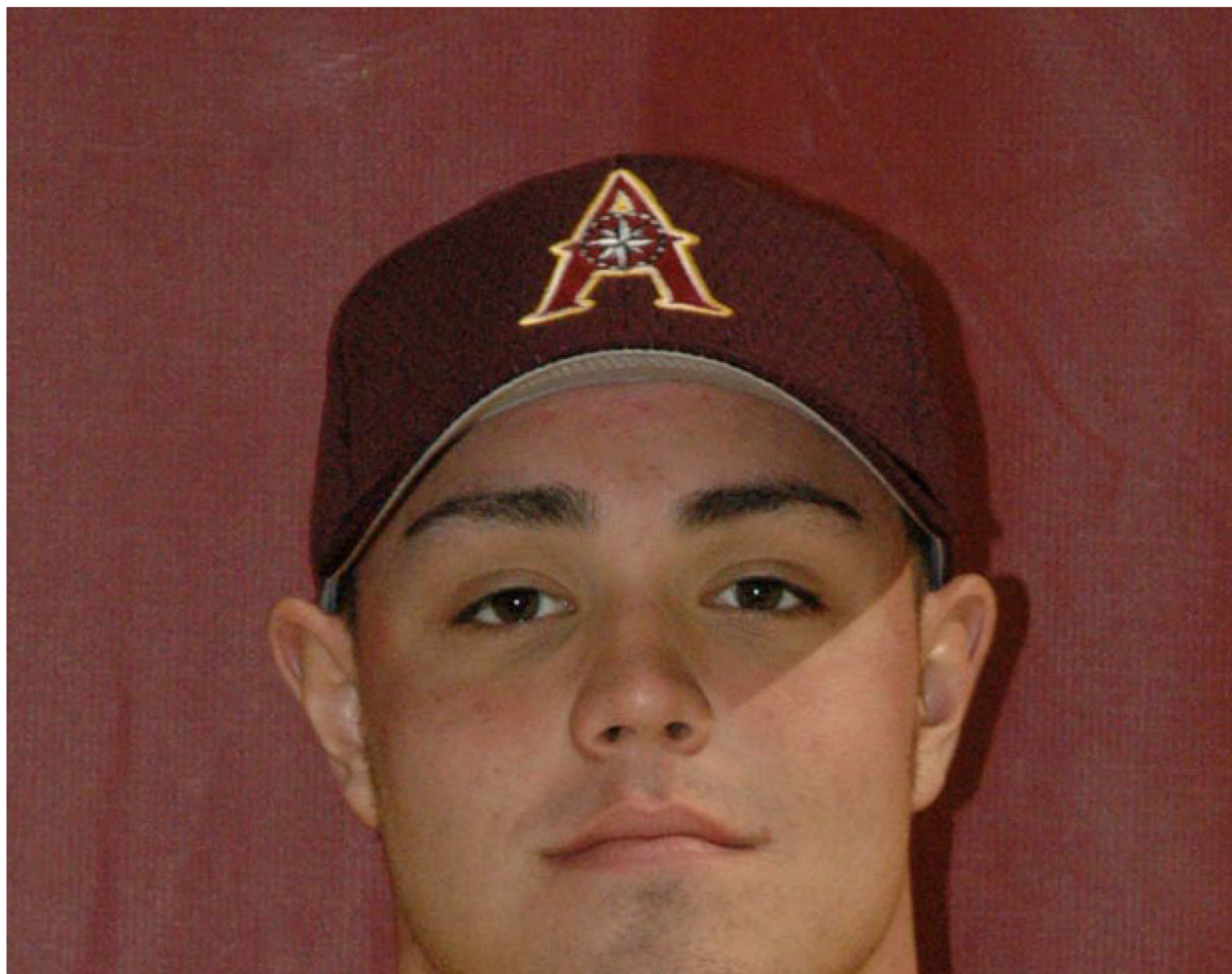
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Jeremy Horst Receives Big League Call From Reds





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CINCINNATI, Ohio - Former Armstrong Atlantic State University pitcher **Jeremy Horst** has received the call to the big leagues. The Pirate will join the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday when they take on the Atlanta Braves in Atlanta, Ga., making Horst the second former Armstrong baseball player to become a major leaguer.

Horst was selected in the 2007 MLB First-Year Player Draft by the Reds in the 21st round. In his two years with the Pirates in 2006 and 2007, the 6-3, 220-pound lefthander went 8-2 with 102 strikeouts in 96.2 innings pitched after joining Armstrong from Iowa Western CC.

The Burlington, N.D., native has excelled at every level of the minors for the Reds organization since being drafted, culminating in his outstanding 2011 season so far. Pitching for the AAA Louisville Bats, Horst is 0-1 with a 1.73 ERA in 12 games this year, giving up just 16 hits in 26 innings pitched, walking nine and striking out 23.

Horst joins former Armstrong hurler and eight-year major leaguer Adam Bernero as the only Pirates to earn a ticket to the big leagues. Bernero made his major league debut in 2000 - just 15 months after being signed as a free agent by the Detroit Tigers. The Pirates have had six players in all play at least the AAA level in the last decade - along with Horst and Bernero, pitchers Doug Sessions, Jeremy Wedel and Jason Olson, as well as catcher Andrew Graham have all reached the penultimate level of pro baseball. A seventh, Armstrong signee Dustin McGowan, has spent time over the last six years with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Success for former Pirates also extends internationally as former Armstrong pitcher Leon Boyd represented the Netherlands in both the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2009 World Baseball Classic. Graham also represented his native Australia in the World Baseball Classic.

Horst will be added to the 40-man roster on Saturday prior to the 7:10 p.m. contest between the Braves and the Reds at Turner Field.

Armstrong Atlantic State University's baseball program has enjoyed tremendous success throughout the years, earning three NCAA Division II College World Series berths and twice – in 1989 and 1990 – ending the year as the nation's No. 1-ranked team. Head coach Joe Roberts, the NCAA's winningest active Division II head coach, has compiled an 1,250-617

(.673) record record in 32 seasons at the helm of the Pirate program and his teams have earned 12 NCAA Regional berths in the past 24 seasons and are the second-winningest Division II program since 1983.



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